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A Look at the Candidates

As the Wendell town campaign reaches its climax, the central issue being raised by virtually all 22 candidates is the need for a more prudent, competent and open town government. In light of last year's 400% jump in property taxes, voters are increasingly pocketbook-conscious; and the candidates are promising to tighten the belt. Following on the heels of a new President's vision to bring the nation's leaders in line with "the basic goodness of the American people," local candidates are promoting a return to greater people-participation in the town's affairs. Only heightened public awareness and scrutiny will assure that campaign promises will be followed through after Election Day.

Only 5 of the 16 races are being contested this year -- selectman, highway surveyor, board of health, and two planning board positions. The rest consist of candidates running unopposed for re-election.

Selectboard

The selectman's race has, thus far, attracted the most attention. Two candidates, Lois Johnson and Anthony Kavolius, are competing for the 3-year term left vacant by Ed Judice.

Lois, a long time town resident who lives on Wendell Depot Road, wants to open the selectmen's meetings to greater public participation. "While the current selectmen claim their meetings are open," she notes, "many people have complained that they were made to sit outside the small meeting room. I would only support closed executive sessions when personality issues were being discussed.

Lois would rather zoning be protective than restrictive. "We should keep Wendell the way it is," she declares. "But I don't see why you have to get a permit to build a front porch." Lois is against condominiums and large industrial development in the town. She favors cottage industry "like what we have now -- our craftspeople, rock bands, and sign-makers."

If elected, Lois would encourage the formation of a finance committee, involving a broad citizen's base, "to watch things and keep people in touch." She also proposes the town have "at least three years to plan any program that involves big spending." She would curb spending, conserve materials, and "take a good look" at what the town wants to buy. "Let's think twice" is her motto.

To Lois, issues such as the proposed new Route 2 access ramp and the Quabbin Diversion Project -- both affecting areas of the town -- are for the people to decide "at a town hall meeting."

With only a week left until Election Day, Lois plans no active campaigning and will make no promises. "My new job selling ads for WCAT keeps me too busy," she sighs, adding, "but I will remain open to the great ideas of the people during the campaign and if elected. I want to hear how they feel the town government ought to be."

Anthony Kavolius, Wendell taxpayer for the past nine years, wants to bring efficiency and professionalism to town government. Citing 25 years of experience in the fields of labor relations, management, and public relations in Connecticutt and New Jersey, Anthony proposes a re-evaluation of all taxable property to establish a tax rate "that is fair, equitable and non-descriminatory."

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Town Fires

Fire Chief Everett Ricketts reports that 3 fires during the month of April burned over 20 acres of Wendell land. An April 17th fire on the property of Frank Culley on Locke Hill Road destroyed 17 acres and a meditation hut. The combined efforts of the Wendell, New Salem, and Orange Fire Departments, with Erving on standby in Wendell, extinguished the blaze, which at one point threatened the Culley residence. It is assumed that the fire was caused by an unattended wood stove in the meditation hut.

On April 21st, Mr. Thompson of West Street noticed smoke on the property of his neighbor, Agnes Telling. A grass fire was discovered and reported to the Wendell Fire Department. Wind conditions spread the fire, causing the Telling home to be singed before the fire was put out. Toby Towers spotter plane detected a second fire 300 yards east of the original fire. The Wendell, Orange and Forest Service fire fighters with Erving on standby, were required to squelch the two blazes which burned a total of three acres. Cause of the fires is unknown.

State Demands Dump Upgrading

The people of Wendell will have to decide this election day whether to keep their garbage here or have it trucked 50 miles away. In Article 2, Question 4 of the May 2nd ballot, this town is being offered two alternatives: 1) a Compactor Transfer Station ($14,500 annually), or 2) a Sanitary Landfill ($20,000 annually).

At a special town meeting last September 7th, the town voted (9 yes, 8 abstaining) for the Compactor Station. But because the meeting was misleadingly advertised, and because only a handful of residents turned out for the vote, it was decided to bring the issue before all the people at the polls. In the meantime, a contract has been awarded to Waste Management, Inc. of Chicopee, the lowest bidder, and the terms have been drawn up. Although the selectmen have not signed anything yet, their verbal commitment -- and the fact that the project has come along way - may have bound the town to the extent that it could be penalized if the project is cancelled. If so, and if the voters shoot down the compactor next week, Wendell could wind up owing thousands of dollars to Waste Management.

The town dump is currently in violation of several state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering regulations -- and to the tune of over $100,000 in fines a year. Specifically, the town rubbish is not compacted and covered daily, a full-time attendant is not present, and the dump site is not lockable. According to state law, each violation is punishable with a daily fine of $100.

The operation of the Compactor Transfer Station would involve the pouring of a concrete pad at the present dump site, and the placing of a compactor truck body on the pad. When the truck body becomes full of rubbish, Waste Management would remove it to their Chicopee landfill site. Our New Salem dump site has already been approved for site suitability by the DEQE.

A sanitary landfill would essentially be our present disposal system in compliance with DEQE codes.

The Compactor Transfer Station is the cheaper of the two alternatives -- by $5500 -- and would require less town supervision. Compacted trash could also become an important energy source for the fuel-tight 1980's. However, the most intriguing question remains: Why would anyone else want Wendell's garbage?

What is the Wendell Post?

This, the initial issue of the Wendell Post, is an attempt to broaden our ability to communicate the workings, activities, and concerns among the Wendell community. A newspaper that would serve the town has been in the talking stages for some time.

The format for this paper is, as yet, unsettled, and its future shape depends on several factors. Time and energy are probably the ingredients hardest to come by, and that should be self-explanatory. To overcome this obstacle, any and all contributions of committee minutes, articles, typing, criticism, and advice are openly and actively solicited. A bi-weekly publication would most adequately accomplish the scope of the paper's goals. The organization and workers are not available for that -- so far.

Primarily, the Post is designed to gather the what of Wendell happenings. The paper will concentrate on three areas. First, there will be reports of current committee developments and social events of special interest. Second, the Post would like to serve as a posting place for the schedules of meetings and other events. The third area of emphasis will be a special series of exploratory articles on any of the major issues that will face Wendell.

The present staff of the newspaper chose to have the Post printed (rather than mimeographed or otherwise copied) as a reflection of the quality of concern for this effort. With a circulation of 200 copies at 25¢ each, we will break even financially.

The goals of the Post are purposely limited. If the paper is successful, however, the citizens of Wendell could more easily participate in the organizations that make the town work and share in the fun. The kind of concern that people show in Wendell makes it a special town. The Post values that concern and will attempt to nurture it.

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Like Lois, he proposes the establishment of a finance committee, which he would have "consider any and all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports and recommendations," and which would "submit an operational budget at the annual town meeting." Anthony also proposes a "moratorium on all extra-curricular expenditures of monies until the town is in a financially sound position, and that any free cash be derived from the present excessive tax rate and put into a stabilization fund."

Anthony wants "better lines of communication" between the selectmen and various town committees to assure that committees "reflect the overall attitude and opinion of the people." He proposes that "every effort be made to persuade the School Committee to turn over the old Grammar School to the town whereby it can be converted into Town Administrative offices at minimal cost; space allocated to house the clerk, treasurer and tax collector." To Anthony, such a move would "provide better accessibility to these functions by citizens." He would also set aside a portion of the area for the elderly for their community group activities."

Finally, Anthony proposes that surveys be made of all roads within Wendell as to their condition, and to be rated accordingly (good, fair, poor). As funds are more readily available, he would improve them, according to their assigned rating. Anthony favors a Route 2 access ramp into Wendell if the proposed south bank alignment is approved by the Dept. of Public Works.

Board of Health

The town's population has doubled in the last five years. Health and sanitation standards that were effective then need revision now. That is the tone of Karen Rowley's campaign to unseat incumbent Raymond DuCharme for a seat on the Board of Health. Currently a nursing student, Karen is concerned about preventive medicine and health care, and, if elected, would favor implementing a program of increased public education and screening programs. She would also adapt only those state laws which suit the town's needs. "I feel very strongly," she concludes, "that the town needs a good public servant."

A resident of Jennison Road for 1½ years, Jim Casino has built his own home there. In seeking the 3 year Health board seat, Jim believes that state health codes should be interpreted according to a town's specific needs. If elected, Jim would "aid the citizens of the community in developing proper health practices," especially with regards to sewerage systems. Jim is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Orange Day Care Center. He works for Vista, organizing day care facilities in the Athol-Orange-Phillipston area.

Incumbent Ray DuCharme, having been a board member for years, considers himself a law-enforcer, not a law-maker or a judge. He acts as Wendell's health policeman to enforce state requirements. Alternative septic systems, for instance, would only be okayed by Raymond if approved by the state.

Highway Surveyor

David Bardsley was appointed to the position of Highway Surveyor 3½ years ago. Since then, he has served 3 full one year terms. Dave's major concern has been the town's back roads because of the large amount of maintenance they require. While not coming out in favor of paved roads, David admits that such roads need only occasional maintenance.

All town roads have to be maintained whether one person or a lot drive them, according to David. When asked how he felt about accepting new roads, he said, "People live where they want to live. If the town accepts a road, we'll maintain it."

David has had long years of experience in trucking, bulldozing, and backhoeing. He has worked for Robinson Lumber in Barre. Since assuming the job of Road Boss, he has tried to build up holiday and vacation pay for the Wendell Highway employees to make the job more appealing and attractive to experienced men. He is pleased to have good equipment now and has established a routine maintenance program for oil changes and lubrication.

In light of his department's short-handedness this past winter, David thanks the townspeople for their helpfulness. He also feels it is good that someone else is challenging him for the position. "Let the decision rest with the people," he declared.

That someone else is Steve Kosuda, a seven year town resident. "The town hasn't had a second choice in a long time," says Steve.

Steve cites equipment maintenance as an area where improvements would be welcome. As a rule of thumb, he would "treat the equipment like it was my own because it's really all coming out of our own pockets."

Steve would seek to upgrade dirt roads without having to pave them. "Alot of people like dirt roads," he says. As an example, he suggests that hills that constantly wash out could be oiled. Steve would also, on occasion, clean "the many culverts in our roads, alot of which are plugged with leaves."

Raised in Shutesbury, Steve was "brought up with trucking." A graduate of Smith Vocational School, he presently works as a mechanic for Blyda Ford in Northampton. "I've thought about it alot," he says. "There's alot of headaches, and you can't keep everybody happy. If people are happy the way things are, then I'm happy, too."

Planning Board

Robert Hegerheide and Harvey Matusow are both competing for the 5 year planning board seat left vacant by Frank Judice. Robert was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A year and a half ago, he and his wife Nancy made Wendell their new home. And Robert wants to join the town planning board "to maintain the things that attracted me here in the first place."

Employed as a superintendent of the Millers Falls Water Pollution Control Plant, Robert feels the need for some sort of controlled town growth, but fears strict zoning would infringe on landowners. While he doubts the topography of Wendell would attract big business here, he feels our biggest threat could come from developers selling lots.

Although a strong adherent of the philosophy, "the government that governs least governs best," Robert would, however, encourage a strong local government to retain the town's individualism and protect it from rapid growth. Robert wants the voters to give him a chance, come May 2nd, to help them assess their future needs and concerns.

While claiming he is "the best man for the job," Harvey Matusow would also like to replace Frank Judice on the planning board. "I've taken a strong stand on energy conservation," says Harvey, "and I am really concerned about the town." In recent months, Harvey has been a strong opponent of the proposed new Route 2 construction along the Depot area. He has also come out strongly in favor of a hydroelectric plant to supply the town's electric needs -- "but President Carter's energy message may have taken the thunder out of that one."

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Jim Slavas, five year town resident, is seeking re-election to a 2 year position on the planning board. A carpenter by profession, Jim wants to maintain the small, rural character of the town. He has nothing but disdain for traditional zoning ordinances, which he views as "restrictive, repressive, and a guarantee only that future growth will be homogenous." Looking beyond zoning, Jim encourages "the preservation and revitalization of Wendell Center." He would also utilize the power of the planning board to provide impetus for local work, including small mills and crafts marketing. In addition, he would "encourage local food production and the preservation of productive land." To preserve the town's connection with its past, Jim would see home structures and ruins saved.

"When unreasonable laws and codes promilgated in Boston threaten local industries or vital town functions," Jim states, "I would like to see the planning board intercede on behalf of its citizens." He cites the Uniform Building Code, with its lumber inspection requirements, as a law that imposes a heavy burden on many small mills. "The board," he feels, "should be able to inform Boston of our limitations, and lobby for our goals."

In conclusion, Jim feels, "the sense of community in Wendell is at once strong, and very tenuous... a strong identity could help Wendell grow into the town her residents envision."

Jay Blackbird, a three year Wendell resident, wants to unseat Jim Slavas. An electrician's apprentice in Orange, Jay charges that town officials must be more in touch with the people they represent. If elected, he would utilize the telephone to keep in touch. "In a town this size," he observes, "an official could call people up and say, 'This issue is coming up. How do you feel about it?'" In the course of soliciting petition signatures, Jay has found that people are interested if the time is taken to ask.

Because of the state's troubled economy and high taxes, Jay dismisses fears that big business would overrun Wendell. However, he would hope to see small industry, such as locally owned sawmills, set up in the town. In the future, he may do it himself.

Stringent zoning, according to Jay, is undesirable at this time. Zoning, to him, should never limit citizens as to what they can do on their property. In any event, Wendell voters, he feels, would overturn any such attempt.

Treasurer

Barbara Kavolius is an incumbent running unopposed for the 1 year term of town treasurer. An experienced bookkeeper in the Athol School Department, Barbara exclaimed that "this part-time job makes my full time job look like a part-time job. This job is very full of little details, very confining and exacting." Asked what pleasure she could find in the job, she says, "When I can balance my checkbook, it's a pleasure."

Barbara describes the office as a non-political job involving payment of bills for the town and keeping the selectmen up to date with the balances. The accounts must be kept separate, reports must be made on a monthly schedule, and copies of all bills must be filed. She stresses that no money is paid unless approved on a warrant by the selectmen. In the coming year, Barbara hopes to improve the flow of work. A greater familiarity with the work will increase her efficiency, she says, and allow her more time to herself.

Library Trustee

Kathy Ann Becker is running unopposed for re-election to a 3 year position of Library Trustee. Viewing a library as an inexpensive source of entertainment and useful how-to information, Kathy's goal is to create an awareness in taxpayers who do not take advantage of the facilities. "There are books here that would be very useful to them," she feels. "We have to reach out and get people more involved." While the library collection is growing "more interesting all the time," Kathy feels "we have to get people to think about asking the library to purchase the books they need."

Cemetery Comissioner

The only town resident running unopposed for 2 positions, Daniel Bacigalupo would like, among other things, to be re-elected Cemetery Commissioner for a third 3 year term. As secretary of a 3-member crew responsible for the perpetual care of the town's 3 public cemeteries, Daniel is being faced with a grave problem. "We need a new cemetery," he complains. "There are only 4 lots left in the Center Cemetery." Soon, the town will be unable to bury its dead.

Tree Warden

Daniel is also biading for a fourth term as Tree Warden. In this position, he is responsbile for checking and cutting diseased line trees on the town's borders. Daniel explained that the number of trees that fell during this year's storm presented too massive a job to be dealt with on his department's limited budget.

Assessor

Rubert Goddard, an incumbent running unopposed for the 3 year assessor's seat, has done the job for nine years. "It's a miserable job," he complains. "All I want to be is fair -- that's all." Rubert states that the assessors don't know what the tax rate will be "until people spend its money." He adds, "When they spend it, the assessors have to go get it."

Moderator

A town's moderator may, at first, appear to be an obscure position with little or no responsibility. In reality, whoever holds the job has a strategic authority with far-reaching impact on the course of a town's vital public meetings.

In Wendell, Emma Cappelluzzo is running unopposed for re-election to that position. A professor at UMass, Emma directs the town meetings according to moderator's rules. Although she has no power to vote except to break a tie, she can address an issue as a regular citizen. "I enjoy the job," she smiles. She just wishes that people would come prepared to address forthcoming meetings in a short and concise manner. Her main concern, however, is the possible future need of a larger space in which to hold the meetings "because of the number of new voters."

Constable

Joe Hartjens is running unopposed for re-election to the 3 year term of town constable, a position he has held for the last 6 years. As constable, Joe delivers legal writs and summons, acts as the law officer during town meetings and elctions, and attests to the town warrant's authenticity.

The constable's function has changed drastically over the years. Historically, a constable was the only law officer in a town and was responsbile for the enforcement of all civil law. Today, the majority of law enforcement time, according to Joe, is spent on auto-related offenses, the enforcement of which rests with the Chief of Police.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Annie Hartjens, our official Keeper of Information, has been prominent in the political scene since 1968. Annie was elected to fill the big shoes of Joe Barry in a special election four years ago. Hers is a very conspicuous position, and Annie is aware that most people see what she does in her job and that it keeps her busy. The job involves, among other things, recording all laws made by the town and filing them with the state, recording vital statistics, and issuing licenses. In doing town and state paperwork, forms and laws change all the time. Keeping up with current procedures requires constant attention.

Tax Collector

"There isn't that much to say," says Judith Wilder, who is running unopposed for the 1 year position of tax collector for the town. "I collect the taxes and pass them in." Appointed last September to fill a vacancy by the selectmen, Judith admits, "I'm new at it," but enjoys "the paperwork and dealing with our tax rate." She tries to "be decent, and not to be pushy."

Having lived in the town since the 6th grade, Judith points to five years working in the office of Erving Paper Mill as ample experience for a job that entails alot of paperwork.

Auditor

Dolores Williston is running unopposed for re-election to the town's 1 year auditor's term. Appointed by the selectmen last year to complete the unexpired term of Elinor Goddard. Dolores says, "It is not the most exciting job." She works quietly and alone, collecting receipts from all town officials, and annually checking the figures to make sure they balance.

Dolores is thankful that two state auditors set up a uniform bookkeeping system for all officials this year. Previously, she notes, each official had his or her own system. While they naturally understood their uniquely-tailored methods, no one else could! "Now everyone is started on the same foot," she smiles.

School Committee

Claire Stewart is currently running unopposed for re-election to the School Committee, a position which she has held since July 1971. Claire was unavailable for comment.

Posting Place

The public is invited to speak their mind with State Representative Thomas Simons on April 28th between 6 and 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Election of town officials and voting on ballot questions will take place on Monday, May 2nd. Polls will be open from noon to 7 PM.

The students of Swift River School will be performing a Spring Concert of vocal music on May 3rd at 7:30 PM.

On May 4th, there will be a Pre-Town Meeting at the Town Hall at 7 PM to discuss articles on the warrant.

The Annual Town Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5th, at 7 PM.

Swift River School will be presenting a gym show on Thursday, May 19th, at 7:30 PM. The performance will include Movement and Dancing.

Happy Birthday to:

Dharma Nielson on April 30th (1 year old)
Mike Brenneman on May 1st (age unknown)
and Joshua Scott on May 18th (2 years old)

Congratulations to Paul and Jean McGowen for the birth of their baby boy, Adam-Paul. He was born at Franklin County Hospital on April 15th and weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Congratulations to Wendell's

Graduating Seniors (Maher Regional School):

Everett Ricketts
Mark Burnett
Lori Powling
Marjori Lewis
Michael Wing

The Post actively solicits announcements of meetings, social events of special interest, and reports of town committee developments. Personal announcements are also welcome. Just write: The Post, Box #76, Wendell Depot; or call: Gary at 4-7036 or Kathy at 4-7432.

FISHING IN WENDELL——

by Myron Becker -------

Wading in the cool, bubbly water of the small brook, flipping my flies into the pools and riffles felt refreshing after the 15 minute walk from my house on a warm late afternoon in May. The walk back to the house felt even better with my creel full of plump, tasty little Wendell native brook trout. I hardly noticed the partridge sitting in a poplar by a field; my head was full of thoughts of those sweet fish frying crisp and golden in butter for supper that night.

That's what you'd call fresh fish, and let me tell you, folks, they're swimmin' all around this town. You know, you could spend your whole life fishing and hunting in Wendell and never have to go elsewhere for your sport. Whether it be hauling panfish and hornpout out of a local pond with a cane pole, worm and bobber; casting plugs and spoons for fat bass and lungeing pickerell; or sneaking up on a wary trout in one of our many streams -- Wendell's got it. All you need is a license ($8.25 if you are 18 or older, $6.25 if you are 15-17 years old, and free if you're under 15), some inexpensive tackle (you can spend less than $10 and catch fish) and bait (free) and you are in business. You'll have some great fun while catching your supper. At our house, we eat fish at least once a week -- and we haven't bought any for years.

Here are a few good things to remember:

1) Ask your neighbor for permission to fish if the water is on their land;
2) Don't litter. Carry out what you carry in;
3) Don't waste fish. Keep only what you plan to eat. A fish hooked in the lip -- if handled gently -- can be released to be caught again. (Limit your kill; don't kill your limit.) Fish are a natural resource and must be conserved.
4) Be considerate of others. Fishing is not a competitive sport.
5) If you are inexperienced, don't hesitate to ask someone who knows the area and how to fish to take you fishing.

Fish in Wendell! It's your town. See you there.

DECISIONS. . .

Vote May 2, 1977. Polls open 12:00 noon to 7:00 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Election of Officials and Ballot Questions.

Article 1. To choose all on one ballot, one Planning Board member for five years; one Selectman, one Assessor, one School Committee member, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Board of Health member, one Constable, one Highway Surveyor for three years; one Planning Board member for two years; one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, one Moderator, one Tree Warden for one year, or take any action thereon.

Article 2.

Question 1. Shall the Town increase the term of the Town Clerk from one to three years?
Yes
No

Question 2. Shall the Town increase the term of the Treasurer from one to three years?
Yes
No

Question 3. Shall the Town increase the term of the Tax Collector from one to three years?
Yes
No

Question 4. Vote for one, The following has to do with the future method of rubbish disposal for the Town of Wendell;
I favor Compactor Transfer Station.
(estimated annual cost $14,500.)

I favor a sanitary land fill.
(estimated annual cost $20,000.)

Question 5. Vote for one. With regards to the proposed Route 2 Construction from Orange to Farley, do you favor:
No build
The road to he built through Wendell
The road to be built but not through Wendell.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
The business meeting for action on the following articles shall he held Thursday, May5, 1977 at 7:00 p.m.

Article 3. To hear the report of Town officials, or take any action thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officials of the Town for the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, as provided in section108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray such salaries and expenses of General Government for that period, or take any action thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Salary, Holiday and Vacation Pay for the Highway Surveyor, or take any action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Holiday and vacation Pay for the Department of Public Works employees, or take any action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money to defray Unclassified Town Expenses, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Maintenance and Operation Account, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for the Road Machinery Maintenance and Operation Account, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate such sums of money to defray local Road Expenses, or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for the Town's share of Chapter 90 Construction and to appropriate or borrow, in anticipation of receipt of State funds, the State share of Chapter 90 Construction, or take any action thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for year around Maintenance and Repair of Highways, or take any action thereon..

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for a Tool Account for the Highway Department, or take any action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for New Salem Road Permanent Work, going towards New Salem, or take any action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money to widen the first corner north of the intersection of New Salem Road on Wendell Depot Road or take any action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Farley Road Permanent Work, or take any action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money to Maintain Town Real Property, or take any action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Protection of Persons and Property, or take any action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money and to appropriate the Dog Fund, for Library Expenses, or take any action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $1000.00 specified as "Direct State Aid to Public Libraries," from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Interest, Insurance and Assessments, or take any action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Health and Sanitation, or take any action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and Appropriate or appropriate a sum of money, incl. interest, for cemeteries, or take any action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for VeteranUs Benefits and Services, or take any action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Schools and Education, or take any action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for swimming lessons for Wendell School Children Grade 1 through 6, or take any action thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money as Wendell's share for the Regional Program for the transportation of the elderly and handicapped, or take any action thereon.

Acticle 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for payment of Principal and Interest of the New Salem-Wendell Union Chool Bond, or take any action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Bills of Prior Year, or take any action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install a New Sink for the Town Hall Kitchen, or take any action thereon.

Article 32. To see whether the Town of Wendell will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8D, allowing the establishment of a Historical Commission, or take any action thereon.

Article 33. To see whether the Town of Wendell will vote to establish, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8D, an Historical Commission of the Town of Wendell for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by Law, to he composed of five (5) members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three (3) years except that the initial appointment shall be one (1) member for one year, one (1) member for two years and three (3) member(s) for three years, or take any action thereon.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to accept the following amendment to the Ralph C. Maher Regional School District Agreement voted by the Ralph C. Maher Regional District School Committee on January 18, 1977.
Voted: That the Agreement for the establishment of the Ralph C. Maher Regional School District, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows: By adding at the end of Subsection B of Section I the following sentence:- "If none of the members of a local school committee wish to serve on the Regional District School Committee, the local school committee and the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a registered voter of the Town to serve on the Regional School Committee."
Vote: Yes-8, No-0, or take any action thereon.

Article 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for Federal Funds for the purpose of constructing a community facility to house the Town's Fire Department or the Town's Fire Department and Highway Department, or take any action thereon.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to have the Fire Station Study Committee, during 1977-78, work toward the goal of recommending to the Selectmen, action to be taken on Article 35, or take any action thereon.

Article 37. To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT: Vote May 5, 1977 at 6:30, prior to Annual Town Business Meeting.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Road Machinery Earnings to Road Machinery Maintenance and Operations, or take any action thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of $130.69 from the treasury to the Road Machinery Maintenance and Operations account. This is the amount of an insurance payment to cover the cost of a broken windshield on the 4WD loader, or take any action thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate an additional sum of money for Town Garage Maintenance, or take any action thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate an additional sum of money for Veteran's Benefits or take any action thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 6 of the Sept. 7, 1976, Special Town Meeting in which the Town voted to raise and appropriate the additional sum of $6,000. for the Town Dump Custodian, or take any action thereon.

Article 6. To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting.